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SUBJECT: SPAIN: BELGIAN PLANS FOR REPRESENTATION AT FRANCO FUNERAL
AND SUCCESSION CEREMONIES

REF: BRUSSELS 09694

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE (RONSE) TOLD
US THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MADRID WOULD REPRESENT BELGIAN
GOVERNMENT AT SUNDAY FUNERAL AND INTERMENT OF CHIEF OF STATE
FRANCO.

AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE SPECIAL ACCREDITATION FOR EVENT.

2. RONSE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SATURDAY'S CEREMENYOY AT
SPANISH CORTES PROCLAIMING PRINCE JUAN CARLOS KING OF SPAIN WAS
CONSTITUTIONAL, PARLIAMENTARY CEREMONY AND THAT NO INVITATION HAD
BEEN ISSUED TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. IF INVITATION FORTHCOMING,
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BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MADRID WOULD ATTEND.

3. RONSE SAID THAT PRINCE ALBERT, BROTHER OF KING BAUDOUIN, WOULD REPRESENT BELGIAN KING AT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDE TE DEUM MASS, PARADE AND RECEPTION BY KING JUAN CARLOS. HE SAID THAT PRINCE BERNARD OF NETHERLANDS AND MEMBERS OF DANISH AND NORWEGIAN ROYAL FAMILIES WOULD ALSO ATTEND WEDNESDAY EVENTS. FIRESTONE

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